

- d. The above concerned officers shall report to the Local Chief Executive any establishments violating the price control law for enforcement of penalties imposed under our laws, rules, regulations and ordinances of the city.
- e. The City Legal Office shall assist in the enforcement of this order and shall report to the local chief executive in the enforcement of penalties pursuant to laws, rules, regulations and ordinances relative to this Order.
- f. The Santiago City Police Office and personnel of Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) shall extend support and assistance in the conduct of the price monitoring and enforcement of any measures for violators of this Order.

Section 4. Notice to Consumers -- Retailers are hereby directed to post notices in conspicuous places within their outlets advising consumers of the quantity of basic necessities that they are allowed to purchase.

Section 5. Price Freeze -- Considering the declaration of a Public Health Emergency, prices of basic necessities are automatically frozen at their prevailing price. As such, all retailers are mandated to abide the provisions of the Price Act and ensure that basic necessities are sold at their prevailing prices. No price increase on basic necessities may take place for the entire duration of the Public Health Emergency.

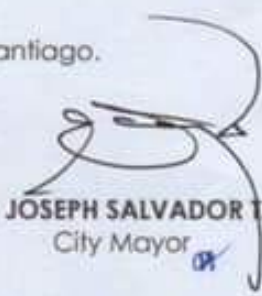
Section 6. Charges and Penalties under the Price Act and Consumer Act -- Without prejudice to the penalties prescribed under our relevant Ordinances, any person or entity found violating the provisions of this Order shall, if circumstances warrant, be further charged with appropriate violations of the of the said laws such as Illegal Acts of Manipulation, particularly hoarding, punishable under Price Act with a fine ranging between P5,000.00 and P2,000,000.00 and imprisonment of not less than five (5) years, but not more than fifteen (15) years.

Section 7. Separability Clause -- If for any reason, any section or provision of this Executive Order is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by any competent court, the other section or provision hereof, which are not affected thereby shall continue.

Section 8. Repealing Clause -- All executive orders, rules and regulations that are inconsistent therewith shall be deemed repealed and/or amended accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity Clause -- This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 20th day of March 2020 at City of Santiago.


ENGR. JOSEPH SALVADOR TAN
City Mayor



Republic of the Philippines
CITY OF SANTIAGO
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 2020-03-10

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING MEASURES ENSURING
STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH PRICE CONTROL IN THE CITY OF SANTIAGO**

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte placed the entire island of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and subsequently declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines by virtue of Proclamation No. 929 dated March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, the national government enlists the support of the government agencies and local government units to ensure compliance to price control measures and prevent any price manipulation, and unlawful price increases considering that the food supplies and other necessities became extremely necessary to the people for their continuing sustenance and food requirements;

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) issued Memorandum Circular No. 20-07, otherwise known as the Anti-Hoarding and Anti-Panic Buying, wherein it has been observed that consumers have resorted to hoarding and panic buying, and the retailers have allowed the happening of the same in retail stores to the prejudice of the public in general;

WHEREAS, the necessity of proactive and swift response to this matter is in order to make necessary actions to monitor and enforce all laws, rules, regulations and ordinances to ensure price control in the City of Santiago;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ENGR. JOSEPH SALVADOR TAN, City Mayor of Santiago, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby Order:

Section 1. Implementation of Measures to Ensure Compliance with Price Control in the City of Santiago -- Pursuant to this Order, the following are hereby implemented:

- a. The City Permits and Licensing Inspection Office (CPLIO) shall coordinate with other agencies to conduct price monitoring on all business establishments in the City of Santiago. They shall submit weekly monitoring report to the Local Chief Executive for his information and appropriate action.
- b. The City Market Administrator shall ensure that the business establishments located inside the Public Market will comply with the suggested retail prices (SRP) set by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) on commodities subjected to price control.
- c. The Local Price Coordinating Council through the help of the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) shall likewise conduct inventory of food supplies from business establishments to determine its availability for the duration of the enhanced community quarantine and the National State of Calamity. They shall submit weekly inventory report to the Office of the Local Chief Executive for his information and guidance.